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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION

NO. 5:04-CR-211-BO(1)



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DAVID A. PASSARO

V.

MOTION TO DISMISS INDICTMENT AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL INFRINGEMENT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S WAR-MAKING DUTIES AND POWERS, AND CONTRARY TO THE CONGRESSIONAL JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREEMPTIVE USE OF "NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FORCE"

(Filed In Camera and Under Seal with the Court Security Officer)

DAVID A. PASSARO, defendant in the above-captioned case, by and through counsel, hereby moves this Honorable Court to dismiss the indictment on grounds that application of the assault statute, 18 U.S.C. § 113, to the battlefield interrogation of a suspected terrorist in a war zone is an unconstitutional infringement of the exclusive duties of the Commander-in-Chief, as set forth by Art. II, § 2 of the United States Constitution. Alternatively, such application of 18 U.S.C. § 113 is contrary to Public Law 107-40, which authorized the Commander-in-Chief to "use all necessary and appropriate force" to "prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States," and to "protect United States Citizens both at home and abroad." A supporting memorandum of law accompanies this motion.

Respectfully requested this Z day of December, 2004.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that pursuant to paragraph 20 of the Protective Order issued by the Court on July 29, 2004, a copy of the foregoing was submitted to Jennifer H. Campbell, one of the Court Security Officers identified in paragraph 4 of the Protective Order, by hand delivering a copy of same.

This the Z day of December, 2004.

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